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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Austin SMITH et al.) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
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U.S. National Phase Filing of) Examiner: Not yet assigned
PCT/GB99/03031)
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Serial No.:)
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Filed: March 9, 2001)
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For: PROPAGATION AND/OR)
DERIVATION OF EMBRYONIC)
STEM CELLS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please delete claims 1-11, 13, 22-24, 29, 40-42, and 45, and amend claims
12, 14-20, 21, 27-28, 30-33, 36, 39, and 43 as follows.

12. (Amended) A method of culture of ES cells comprising maintaining a
culture of ES cells in the presence of a synergistic combination of:

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